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SUBJECT: ANDERSON'S COMTEMPLATED VENTURE IN PANAMA

REF: (A) PANAMA 1537; (B) PANAMA 1532

- 1. ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED GOP'S SUSPENSION OF PACIFIC/ ATLANTIC BANK (P/AB) OPERATIONS (REF A) WITH ECONOMIC PLANNING MINISTER BARLETTA MARCH 7.
- 2. ACCORDING TO BARLETTA, GOP WAS FORCED TO ACT ON STRICTLY TECHNICAL GROUNDS BECAUSE A) P/AB LACKED LIQUIDITY AND B) ANDERSON GROUP HAD FAILED TO PROVIDE THE PROMISED INITIAL DEPOSIT OF \$250,000 (REF B).
- 3. BARLETTA ALSO REPORTED HE HAD CANCELED HIS SCHEDULED TRIP TO THE U.S. AND HAD NO PLANS TO VISIT MONTREAL (REF B). HE INDICATED THAT--IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT GOP BANKING COMMISSION--HE WOULD WELCOME THE ANDERSON GROUP IN PANAMA. HE HINTED IF THE GROUP WAS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN P/AB, IT BETTER COME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY MINISTER BARLETTA'S INVITATION TO MESSRS. ANDERSON AND SHIPPEE THROUGH PRUDENTIAL TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, 45 PLAZA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. TEL: (212) 246-6644. CONFIDENTIAL

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